



E-NEWSLETTER

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VAWnet is pleased to announce the addition of several new resources to our online collection at <http://www.vawnet.org>! Please browse our new additions listed below.

VAWnet's E-Newsletter provides monthly updates on new resources available online, and is intended for wide distribution. Please feel free to forward this information to colleagues, advocates, community members and others with an interest in issues related to violence against women. Those interested in signing up to receive VAWnet E-Newsletters via email and/or fax, can contact us by phone at (800) 537-2238 or by using our online contact form at <http://www.vawnet.org/AboutVawnet/Contactus.html>.

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS

Focus on American Indian/Native American & Alaska Native Communities

January's E-Newsletter highlights new documents on VAWnet with useful information related to violence against women in Native communities. New documents discussing service provision, prevention, research, training and education are referenced below. For a brief listing of Native American & Alaska Native organizations working to end violence against women, please visit the section under "External Links" at: <http://www.vawnet.org/ExternalLinks/VAWOrganizations/#Native>


New Resource Page:

Violence Against Women in American Indian/Native American & Alaska Native Communities

This page highlights several resources related to violence against women in American Indian/Native American & Alaska Native communities. The materials listed here include information about history, oppression, advocacy, outreach, service provision, and research - and were designed for a variety of audiences from advocates to students to community leaders. The organizations listed here provide information, services, and advocacy for American Indian/Native American & Alaska Native communities and those who work on their behalf.

<http://www.vawnet.org/Intersections/AntiOppressionWork/NAANResourcePage.php>

IN THE NEWS

 *Remember to check out VAWnet's collection of news links related to violence against women issues – new stories are added every week at <http://www.vawnet.org/InTheNews/index.php>!*

- ✓ "Japan to Dissolve Sex Slaves Fund in 2007" from The Kansas City Star
- ✓ "Hirsi Ali Leaves Hiding to Spotlight Honor Killings" from Women's eNews
- ✓ "Bill seeks to create new domestic violence law" from Nashua Telegraph
- ✓ "Iraqi Female Candidates Targeted for Violence" from Feminist.org
- ✓ "More States Give Abuse Victims Right to Time Off" from Women's eNews
- ✓ "Domestic partner amendment used in defense against domestic violence charges" from Ohio.com
- ✓ "As Tsunami Recedes, Women's Risks Appear" from Women's eNews

SERVICES & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Case Studies in Partner Violence (December 1999) by A.E. Eyler, M.D., M.P.H., and Marian Cohen, A.C.S.W. from the Chelsea Family Practice Center in Chelsea, Michigan, was published in the American Family Physician by the American Academy of Family Physicians. The article describes two cases, drawn from the clinical experiences of the authors, which "illustrate techniques for the diagnosis and management of patients experiencing interpersonal violence in partnered relationships." The discussion that follows each case may assist family physicians with practical approaches to preventing violence and promoting victim safety.

<http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/ServicesAndProgramDev/SystemsAdvocacy/ScreeningCaseStudies.php>

Coordinated Community Response to Stop Violence Against Native Women (1999) by Sacred Circle describes effective collaborations between battered women's shelters and several community entities. It discusses the importance of collaborative efforts to stop violence against Native women, defining "Coordinated Community Response" within this context.

<http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/ServicesAndProgramDev/SystemsAdvocacy/CCRNative.php>

Victim Services: Promising Practices in Indian Country (November 2004), published by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) - U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs - was produced by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute. "This monograph describes promising practices for meeting the needs of victims of violence and domestic and family abuse in Indian Country. Each of the 12 program summaries includes a description of the program's activities, keys to its success, basic demographic data (e.g., service area and population), and contact information."

<http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/ServicesAndProgramDev/ServiceProvAndProg/PPIndianCountry.php>

PREVENTION & EDUCATION

Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault & Stalking: Prevention and Intervention Programs in Native American Communities (2002) by Native American Circle LTD is a comprehensive manual supported by a grant from the Office on Violence Against Women, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. Useful information and resources are organized using the following topical issues: The Dynamics of Domestic Violence; Stalking; Sexual Assault; Children's Issues; Federal, State and Tribal Laws; Judicial Response; Law Enforcement; Advocacy; Re-victimization; and Treatment and Intervention.

<http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/PreventionAndEducation/Training/NACManual.php>

PUBLIC POLICY

Domestic Violence and Tribal Protection of Indigenous Women in the United States (1995) by Gloria Valencia-Weber and Christine P. Zuni was originally published in St. John's Law Review, Vol. 69, No. 1-2, page 69. The article provides a discussion about domestic violence in American Indian societies through an examination of cultural principles and world view, legislation and tribal codes, and service provision and protection in indigenous nations.

<http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/PublicPolicy/TribalProtection.php>

INTERSECTIONS

American Indians and Crime: A Statistical Profile, 1992-2002 (December 2004) by Steven W. Perry was released by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, and "summarizes data on American Indians in the criminal justice system and reports the rates and characteristics of violent crimes experienced by American Indians. This report updates a previous BJS report, American Indians and Crime, published in 1999. The findings include the involvement of alcohol, drugs, and weapons in violence against Indians. The report describes victim-offender relationships, the race of those involved in violence against Indians, and the rate of reporting to police by victims. It discusses the rates of arrest, suspect investigations and charges filed, and incarceration of Indians for violent crimes."

<http://www.vawnet.org/Intersections/GeneralResearch/BJS-AmIndiansCrime04.php>